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SUBJ: ARRIVAL STATEMENT

1. USINT CAIRO HAS INQUIRED IF I PLAN MAKE STATEMENT
WHEN ARRIVING CAIRO TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 11, 0950.

2. SUBJECT YOUR CONCURRENCE, I PROPOSE MAKE FOLLOWING
ARRIVAL STATEMENT: QUOTE. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE
BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY, FOR ME TO BE IN
EGYPT TO TAKE UP MY DUTIES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF A
RECENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE
OUR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS SECTIONS TO THE AMBASSADORIAL
LEVEL WITH A VIEW TO THE EARLY RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS. MY ARRIVAL TODAY, JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER
THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THAT AGREEMENT, REFLECTS THE FIRM
BELIEF OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT A CONTINUING, CONSTRUCTIVE
HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE US AND EGYPT WILL FURTHER
THE OBJECTIVE OF FORGING A DURABLE STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. I AM ALSO HAPPY THAT MY ARRIVAL COINCIDES WITH
THE AGREEMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS HELPED TO
ARRANGE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO SOLIDIFY THE
CEASEFIRE AND TO OPEN THE WAY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON A PEACE
SETTLEMENT. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP WHICH DESERVES
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THE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL PARTIES.

4. I HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE
CONTRIBUTION TO THE DIPLOMATIC TASKS THAT STILL LIE
AHEAD. END QUOTE.

5. SISCO APPROVES TEXT.
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